

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A cutting tool, comprising:
 - 5 a sliding guide being adapted for placement on a user's forearm, said sliding guide having a length;
 - means for attaching said sliding guide to said user's forearm;
 - a blade support having means for holding a blade member, said blade member having a sharp cutting edge;
 - 10 said blade support affixed to said sliding guide;
 - said blade support and said sliding guide together define a blade support opening having an entrance height, said blade support opening having access-limiting means adapted to provide protection from cutting human extremities.
2. A cutting tool as in claim 1 wherein said sharp cutting edge is "V"-shaped.
- 15 3. A cutting tool as in claim 2 wherein said sharp cutting edge is smooth.
4. A cutting tool as in claim 2 wherein said sharp cutting edge is serrated.
5. A cutting tool as in claim 1 wherein said sharp cutting edge is "U"-shaped.
6. A cutting tool as in claim 5 wherein said sharp cutting edge is smooth.
7. A cutting tool as in claim 5 wherein said sharp cutting edge is serrated.
- 20 8. A cutting tool as in claim 1 wherein said sharp cutting edge is linear.
9. A cutting tool as in claim 9 wherein said sharp cutting edge is smooth.
10. A cutting tool as in claim 9 wherein said sharp cutting edge is serrated.
11. A cutting tool as in claim 1 wherein said sliding guide and said blade support are integral and of molded plastic, metal, or any other rigid material.
- 25 12. A cutting tool as in claim 1 wherein length of said sliding guide is less than 5 centimeters.
13. A cutting tool as in claim 1 wherein length of said sliding guide is from 5 centimeters to less than 10 centimeters.
14. A cutting tool as in claim 1 wherein length of said sliding guide is from 10
30 centimeters to 15 centimeters.
15. A cutting tool as in claim 1 wherein length of said sliding guide is greater than 15 centimeters.

16. A cutting tool as in claim 1 wherein said entrance height is less than 2 millimeters.

17. A cutting tool as in claim 1 wherein said entrance height is from 2 millimeters to less than 4 millimeters.

5 18. A cutting tool as in claim 1 wherein said entrance height is from 4 millimeters to less than 6 millimeters.

19. A cutting tool as in claim 1 wherein said entrance height is from 6 millimeters to less than 9 millimeters.

10 20. A cutting tool as in claim 1 wherein said entrance height is from 9 millimeters to 12 millimeters.

21. A cutting tool as in claim 1 wherein said entrance height is greater than 12 millimeters.

22. A method of cutting line comprising the steps of:

15 wearing a cutting tool on a user's forearm, said cutting tool having a blade member confined within a blade support designed to prevent personal injury by interiorly locating said blade member within a blade support opening so that a line has access to said blade member but anything as large as a user's finger has no access to said blade, said blade support mounted on top and front end of a sliding guide having attachment means to said forearm, said sliding guide configured to guide said line into said blade member, said
20 blade member configured for efficient cutting in a single pass;
pivoting said forearm across said line so that said sliding guide intercepts said line;
pulling back said forearm so that said line slides across said sliding guide engaging said blade member;
cutting line.

25 23. A method of cutting line comprising the steps of:

wearing a cutting tool on a user's forearm, said cutting tool having a blade member confined within a blade support designed to prevent personal injury by interiorly locating said blade member within a blade support opening so that a line has access to said blade member but anything as large as a user's finger has no access to said blade, said blade
30 support mounted on top and front end of a sliding guide having attachment means to said

forearm, said sliding guide configured to guide said line into said blade member, said blade member configured for efficient cutting in a single pass;
holding a section of said line with user's hand opposite hand of said forearm;
pulling said line into said blade member;
cutting line.

24. A cutting tool for hands-free cutting of line (spec needs to define line as including string, rope, fishing line, etc), which can be safely worn on a user's forearm, having a partially concealed blade to prevent personal injury, said partially concealed blade is configured for efficient line cutting in a single pass, comprising:

a sliding guide having a length, a long axis of symmetry, a front end, a top, and a bottom, said top of said sliding guide is convex and said bottom of said sliding guide is concave, said sliding guide being adapted for placement on a user's forearm;

means for attaching said sliding guide to said user's forearm;

a blade support having an outward-extending tongue elevated by a vertical section, said outward-extending tongue and said vertical section being a single member together forming said blade support approximating a sideways L-shape, said blade support having an interior surface and a center plane of symmetry, wherein a blade member is firmly affixed along the intersection of said interior surface and said center plane of symmetry of said blade support;

said blade support mounted on said top, said front end, and centered on said long axis of symmetry of said sliding guide, said blade support and said sliding guide together define a blade support opening having an entrance height;

said blade support opening having access-limiting means adapted to provide protection from cutting human extremities;

said blade member being planar having a sharp cutting edge arranged and mounted interiorly within said blade support so that said sharp cutting edge is pointed outward from said blade support opening.